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Rocky Flats donates \$500K HAZ-MAT vehicle and gear to Arvada

GOLDEN, Colo., August 19, 2004 – On Friday, August 20 the Rocky Flats Fire Department and the Department of Energy will transfer its Hazardous Materials (HAZ-MAT) vehicle, a 24-foot trailer and a warehouse of gear and equipment to the Arvada Fire Protection District. The vehicle, a 1996 Heavy Rescue van, and associated gear total more than \$500,000 worth of equipment.

The transfer of equipment is the outcome of a two-year effort resulting in a mutual aid agreement between Rocky Flats and the Arvada Fire Protection District. Rocky Flats will donate the equipment to Arvada in exchange for hazardous materials response services throughout the life of the Rocky Flats Closure Project, scheduled to be complete at the end of 2006.

News media are invited to witness the transfer ceremony at the Arvada Fire Protection District, Station #8.

WHAT: Transfer of the Rocky Flats Hazardous Materials Mitigation Program and Donation of Hazardous Materials vehicle and gear to the Arvada Fire Protection District

WHEN: Friday, August 20, 2004
2:30 p.m. –Ceremony recognizing program and equipment transfer

WHERE: Arvada Fire Protection District, Station #8
6651 Indiana Street
Arvada, Colo.

Rocky Flats is a DOE owned cleanup and closure site operated by Kaiser-Hill Company under an accelerated closure contract. The Rocky Flats mission includes the now completed special nuclear material management and shipment, nuclear deactivation and decommissioning, waste management and shipment, environmental cleanup and site closure. When cleanup is complete, the site will be transitioned to a National Wildlife Refuge managed by the US Fish & Wildlife Service.